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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Attorney Docket No.:	01051
Inventor(s):	BISHOP et al.
Title:	SEALER FOR TEST SAMPLE DEVICES
Examiner:	Unassigned
Group:	Unassigned

APPLICATION ELEMENTS (See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents)

- [X] 1. 43 pages of Specification, 4 pages of Claims (# of claims: 12) & Abstract;
- [X] 2. Drawings (35 USC 113)
 - Total Number of Figures: 34
 - Total Number of Sheets: 31
- [X] 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - [X] a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - [] b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
- [] 4. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [] 5. Preliminary Amendment
- [X] 6. Fee Transmittal (see below)

THE FILING FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:							
	Claims Filed		Extra	SMALL	LARGE	AMOUNT	
Total Claims	12	Minus 20	0	X \$ 385.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 00.00
Independent	3	Minus 03	0	X \$ 43.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
() Multiple dependent claim fee				+ \$ 145.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
FILING FEE TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.							
50-0364:							\$ 770.00

- [] 7. Small Entity Statement
 Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired.
- [] 8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449
 Including copies of IDS citations (refs.)
- [] 9. Certified Copy(ies) of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) were received in the parent application, U.S. Application Serial No. _____, of this application

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- [] 10. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:
 Continuation Divisional Continuation-In-Part (CIP)
of prior application No. _____
Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Group: _____

- [X] 11. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized)
- [X] 12. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-mentioned fees associated with the filing of this paper and any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0364.
a. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
b. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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- [] 14. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission

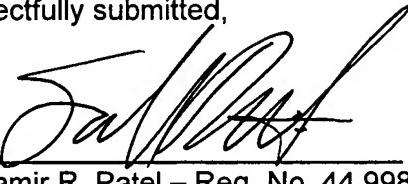
- Computer Readable Form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing
- Paper copy of the Sequence Listing
- Statement verifying identity of above copies

[X] 15. Assignment:

- Assignment Document
- Recordation Form Cover Sheet

[] 16. Other:

Respectfully submitted,

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